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TO AMEMBASSY TEHRAN IMMEDIATE

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FOR AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (ROCKEFELLER, NELSON), IR

SUBJECT: VICE PRESIDENTIAL TRIP

1. QUESTION HAS BEEN RAISED WHETHER IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO REVISE SCHEDULE FOR IRAN STOP TO HAVE AIRCRAFT FLY DIRECT FROM PARIS TO KISH ISLAND MARCH 23, DROP OFF SMALL VICE PRESIDENTIAL PARTY AND PROCEED TO TEHRAN WITH REST OF PARTY. SMALL PARTY WOULD SPEND TWO NIGHTS ON KISH WITH SCHEDULE OTHERWISE UNCHANGED.

2. VICE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE, REALIZING THAT THIS PROPOSED CHANGE MIGHT BE INCONVENIENT FOR GOI, HAS REQUESTED WE ASK YOUR VIEWS ON ADVISABILITY OF TAKING IT UP WITH GOI.

3. YOUR THOUGHTFUL SUGGESTION OF SUBSTITUTING SHIRAZ/ PERSEPOLIS FOR ISFAHAN VISIT ON MARCH 25 IS APPRECIATED, BUT AS OF NOW PREFERENCE REMAINS FOR SHOPPING/SIGHTSEEING IN ISFAHAN. INGERSOLL

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